T.V. advertisement on Pan Parag

2336. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen news reports pointing out the havoc caused by various T.V. advertisements in promoting several undesirable and un-healthy products such as Pan Parag causing cancer ; and

(b) whether any communication/reports have also been received from voluntary agencies and other medical R and D. Institutions such as ICMR/WHO on the subject and if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken/proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) The Government have seen occusional reports questioning the desirability of telecasting advertisements meant to promote certain products. In the present specific case, Ministry of Health have opined that there is no clinching evidence at present to conclude that consumption of Pan Masala causes cancer. It is Dooidarshan's policy not to accept advertisements promoting undesirable and unhealthy products.

Creche Ayas in NDMC

2337. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are good number of vacancies of Creche Ayas in New Delhi Municipal Committee which are lying vacant since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that nominations sponsored by the Employment Excharges have been lying pending ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) what is the latest position of this case and upto which specific date, selection of the eligible candidates would be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (d) New Delhi Municipal Committee has completed the process of selection to fill up 19 vacancies of Creche Ayas. Nominations of S.T. candidates sponsored be Employment Exchange were also considered.

Parliamentary Delegations to various Countries for explaining Position on Kashmir

2338. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to send Parliamentary delegations to various countries to explain the foctual position in regard to Kashmir and the trouble engineered by Pakistan ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ahmedabad-Godhra-Indore Road as National Highway

2339. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to declare Ahmedabad-Godhra-Indore road as National Highway was

under Government's consideration a few years back; and

(b) if so, by when this road will be declared as National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) During the Seventh Five Year Plan, the Government was considering to declare certain State roads including the road in question as National Highways. But this could not be done. The inclusion of this road in National Highway network would now depend on the availability of funds in Eighth Plan which is yet to be finalised.

Connecting Ports with National Highways

2340. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect all important ports with National Highways system; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to connect Vadinar Port (Kandla Terminal-II) with the National Highway system in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) All the existing Major Ports in the country are already on the National Highway network.

(b) No, Sir. Vadinar Port is not a Major Port as yet.

Declaration of National Highways on the Report of National Transport Policy Committee

2341. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India informed some of the States that new National Highways will be declared as per report of National Transport Policy Committee;

(b) if so, whether recently declared National Highways fit in with the NTPC Report; and

(c) what is the reason for not converting the two roads in Gujarat as recommended by NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The new National Highways are declared in the country, keeping in view the following guidelines besides the availability of resources, *inter-se* priorities, recommendations of the National Transport Policy Committee (NTPC) and the various proposals furnished by the State Governments including proximity of other National Highways in the area, *viz.*

(i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) roads connecting adajacent countries;

(iii) roads connecting State capitals;

(iv) roads connecting major Ports and important industrial or tourists centres;,

(v) roads meeting very important strategic requirements ;

(vi) roads carrying high density of traffic over an adequate length; and

(vii) roads which will enable sizeable reduction in travel dis-